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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hans-Jorg BAUDER

PCT/EP00/04269

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A STRIPLIKE
PRE-MATERIAL MADE OF METAL,
ESPECIALLY A PRE-MATERIAL WHICH HAS
BEEN PROFILED INTO REGULARLY OCCURRING
SECTIONS AND DEVICE THEREFOR

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend claims 3-5, 8, 10-12, 14-20, 22-25, 27, 31-39, and 41-74
as follows:

3. The method as defined in Claim 1, **characterised in that** the length of the recalled sections of the metal strip (16) is selected to be maximally equal to half the circumference of the rollers (11, 12).

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4. The method as defined in Claim 1, **characterised in that** the two rollers (11, 12) are selected to have a cylindrical shape.

5. The method as defined in claim 1, **characterised in that** the last rolling step in each of the recalled sections of the metal strip (16) is carried out